

**March 2012**

**2012 Schedule of Meetings:**

2012: Mar. 7th, Apr. 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, July 4th, Aug. 1st, Sept. 5th, Oct. 3rd, Nov. 7th, and Dec. 5th. No meetings Jan.-Feb.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., meeting starts 8 p.m., at the Rockwood Public Library (inside Eramosa Community Centre) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. NoB 2K0.

**Annual Membership Dues:**

Regular \$10  
Couple \$12  
Junior (14 to age 18) \$5  
Under 14 Free

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*South Wellington  
Coin Society*



## The Wellington Circular

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**NEXT MEETING DATE:  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2012**



### President's Message

Our March 7th meeting during which I will be speaking about the two issues of Cuban banknotes that circulate on the island. The Moneda Nacional issues feature portraits of national heroes and the Cuban Convertible Pesos feature architectural monuments or heroes. I will bring the Specimen note issues of the 1961 and 1994 issues along to illustrate the talk. We'll also have, our usual auction, and draws.

Our December's meeting featured a visit by Wellington Advertiser writer David Meyer who wanted to prepare an "Expose" of the SWCS. His interesting full page article appeared in the Inside Wellington section of the Wellington Advertiser issue of January 6th, 2012. I hope that the article might bring in some new members. Our December evening meeting featured a gift exchange and some good-natured laughter over the auction bid-dings.

Cheers! Mike



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### Kingdom of Spain 1959 Aluminum 10 CENTIMOS

KM#790- 1959 SPAIN - 10 CENTIMOS Aluminum Kingdom of Spain reeded edge COIN ONLY YEAR EVER MINTED of the Kingdom decimal coinage (peseta system) and released into circulation. There were 900,000,000 minted. There was a Republic of Spain 1938 10 CENTIMOS Iron Coin with 1,000 minted but it was never released into circulation. The Nationalist Government of Spain issued 10 CENTIMOS 1940-1953 of a different design.





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## Highlights of Last Meeting

**Membership Draw:** next month is \$30. Eligible for "dues paid up" members present at the meeting.

**Door Prize Winners:** Bob, Robin, Lowell, Scott, Dianne and Mel. Tickets 3

for \$2. Donations for door prizes always welcomed.

**King Arthur's Treasure:** won by Terry. Tickets cost one Canadian dollar each or five foreign coins.

**Our Speaker / Education** portion was our Canadian Tire presentation and Charlie talked about his trip to China.

## Plans for Upcoming Meeting / Events

**Our next meeting** is March 4th, and Education Portion will be done by xx.

**Nominations for 2012-2013** Executive confirmed at our Dec. 7th meeting take over March 2012.

**Membership dues** need to be in by March 1, 2012, since there is no meeting in Jan-Feb 2012.

**Good as Gold Tickets**—be

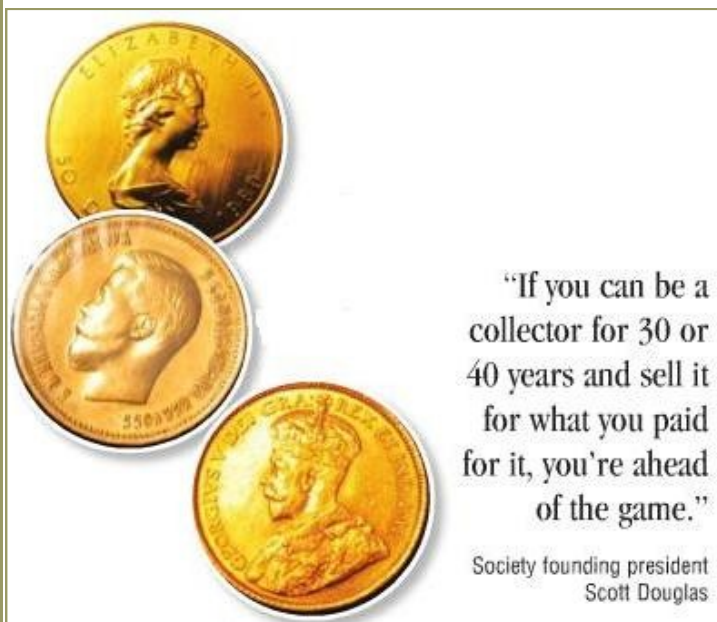
sure to pick up your book of tickets to sell and return by our March meeting so we can get the stubs into the ONA before April convention. Remember our club earns money for every book sold, and if you sold the grand prize winning ticket, you can earn money too.

**ONA Exhibit** — there's still room to register an exhibit display for the convention. Many members in this club

have interesting items they could build a theme around. The exhibit forms and convention registration forms are on the ONA website [www.ontario-numismatic.org](http://www.ontario-numismatic.org) and were also in the recently sent Ontario Numismatist.

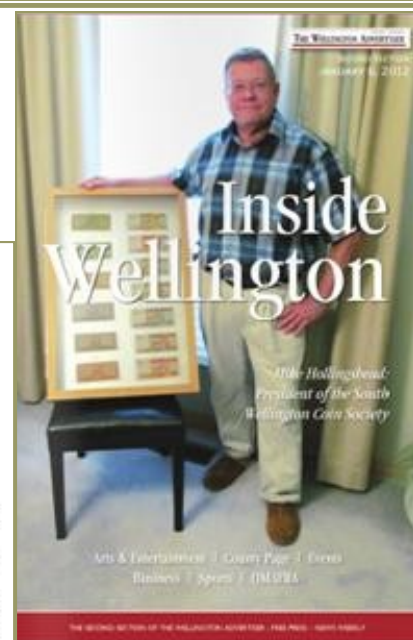
**Auction:** we need items for April and subsequent months!

## Wellington Advertiser Pays a Visit!



"If you can be a collector for 30 or 40 years and sell it for what you paid for it, you're ahead of the game."

Society founding president  
Scott Douglas



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**Meeting Set-up / Clean-up:**  
Gord Tarzwell and Club Members present at meeting

**Food & Beverages at Meetings:**  
Mel Brown

**Auction Runner:**  
Ryan Zmija

Articles of the upcoming newsletters are due to the Editor by no later than the 15th of the current month.

Advertising space will be accommodated where space is available.



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## South Wellington Coin Society sees history in money

by David Meyer

Cover photo: Mike Hollingshead with some Cuban bills from 1961 and 1995 to 1997. The early bills were signed by the president of the Bank of Cuba, Ernesto Che Guevara.



What am I to bid? - Founding president Scott Douglas offers a bill while South Wellington Coin Society president Mike Hollingshead conducts the auction. photos by David Meyer



Value fluctuates - This gold coin, minted in Mexico, was worth about \$2,400 the day of the photo. The gold bracelet is over \$6,000.

Coins below: British gold - top is Queen Elizabeth and bottom is King George. The 10 ruble gold coin in the middle was minted in 1899 in Russia.

## Past Presidents:

**2010-2011**  
Mike Hollingshead

**2008-2009**  
Mike Hollingshead

**2006-2007**  
Mike Hollingshead

Art Stephenson -dates?  
Bob Zmija -dates?  
Scott Douglas -dates?

**Founding-1997**  
?

*If you know the dates served by Past Presidents please let your Editor know.*



May your pockets be heavy  
and your heart be light,  
May good luck pursue you  
each morning and night



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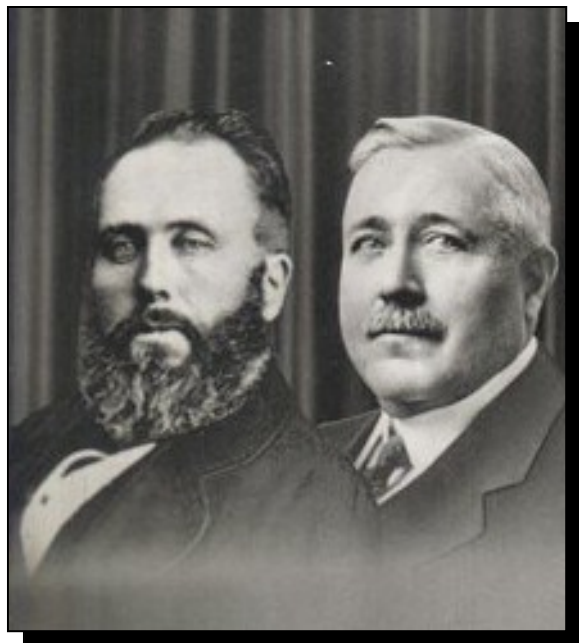


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## *Gray Carriages of Chatham, Ontario*



**William Gray Sr.**

**Robert Gray**



Did You Know.....that around 1916 when the Gray Carriage company created an automobile known as the 'Dort' that it outsold the Model 'T' Ford in Western Canada by a 2-1 margin?

William Gray emigrated to Canada in 1853 from Roxboroughshire, Scotland. He settled in Chatham, Ontario and set up as a Blacksmith there. Almost immediately he began making carriages and sleighs creating the foundation for William Gray and Sons Limited.

William had two sons Robert (born 1862) and James. While on his way to the Grand Dominion Exposition held in Montreal in September 1884, William Gray fell from a train at the whistle stop in Kingston, Ontario and died. Robert Gray, at the age of 22, was to take over the business. A partner was brought in and for a time the business was known as William Gray Sons and Campbell Limited. James Scott Gray would also be involved in the family business until his untimely death at the age of 34 from complications of diabetes.

The William Gray carriage works were located on the southwest corner of William and Wellington Streets in Chatham, Ontario. By the year 1876 Gray employed about 20 men and was manufacturing carriages and sleighs to a value of some \$25,000 per year. As a comparison Mr. William Young had operated a carriage plant on the opposite corner to Wm. Gray for 10 years employing 6 men with an output of some \$3,000-\$4,000 per year.

Gray carriages were considered by many to be the finest quality made and it was with this reputation that the transition to automobile production in 1916 as Gray-Dort Motors was made easily and successfully. After producing 283,456 buggies, carriages, sleighs and cutters a new day was dawning.



### Wm Gray-Sons-Campbell Limited Letterhead



**Carriage Plate circa 1880**

Gray-Dort Motors at its peak of manufacturing produced 8000 automobiles a year. The Company could boast of 300 dealers from Montreal to Vancouver. A fact that may be startling to some is that Gray-Dort outsold the Model 'T' Ford and Studebaker in Western Canada by a 2-1 margin.

In 1924 Dallas Dort decided to pull out of this successful venture and retire. He died 3 months later playing golf. This sudden decision by Dort placed the car company in a position of forced retirement. As quickly as they had come on the scene Gray-Dort Motors was history.

For more information and some wonderful photos be sure to visit the website [www.graydortmotors.com](http://www.graydortmotors.com). This website is administered by James Gray, William Gray Sr's great-great grandson. James Scott Gray was his great uncle. The website is very well maintained and is a delight to view. I want to thank James for all his help in answering my many questions.

Scott E. Douglas

**Scott** writes for *CCN, RCNA CN Journal, ONA Ontario Numismatist*, and our club newsletter *Did You Know...*.

We appreciate his valuable contribution.

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## Republic of Lithuania 1925 Coins



Lithuania  
1 Centas 1925 KM#71  
5 Centu 1925 KM#72  
10 Centu 1925 KM#73  
20 Centu 1925 KM#74  
50 Centu 1925 KM#75  
Full set of coins issued these years





1 Centas 1925, 1.6g, 16mm, Plain Edge, Aluminum-Bronze struck at King Norton's, Mintage 5,000,000

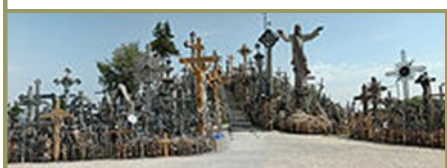
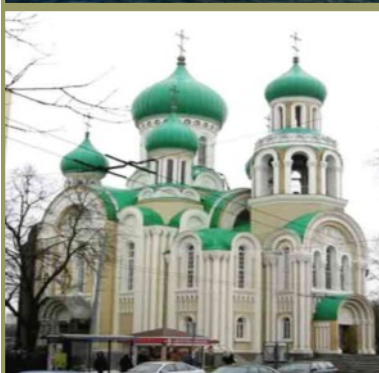
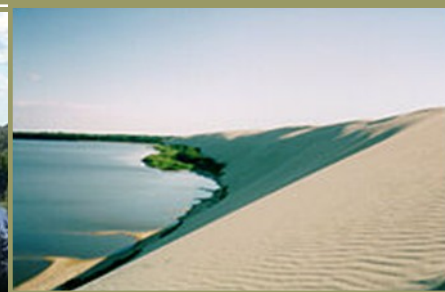
5 Centas 1925, 2.3g, 18.5mm, Plain Edge, Aluminum-Bronze, Mintage 12,000,000

10 Centas 1925, 3g, 21mm, Plain Edge, Aluminum-Bronze, Mintage 12,000,000

20 Centas 1925, 4g, 23mm, Plain Edge, Aluminum-Bronze, Mintage 8,000,000

50 Centas 1925, 5g, 25mm, Plain Edge, Aluminum-Bronze, Mintage 5,000,000

The **Lithuanian litas** (ISO currency code LTL, symbolized as Lt; plural *litai* or *litų*) is the currency of Lithuania. It is divided into 100 centų (genitive case; singular *centas*, nominative plural *centai*). The litas was first introduced in 1922 after World War I, when Lithuania declared independence and was reintroduced on June 25, 1993, following a period of currency exchange from the ruble to the litas with the temporary talonas then in place. The name was modeled after the name of the country (similarly to Latvia and its lats).



### Members of Council of Lithuania in 1917. From left to right

**Sitting:** J. Vileišis, dr. J. Šaulys, kun. J. Staugaitis, St. Narutavičius, dr. J. Basanavičius, A. Smetona, kan. K. Šaulys, Stp. Kairys, J. Smilgevičius.

**Standing:** K. Bizauskas, J. Vailokaitis, Donatas Malinauskas, kun. Vl. Mironas, M. Biržiška, kun. A. Petrulis, S. Banaitis, P. Klimas, A. Stulginskis, J. Šernas, Pr. Dovydaitis.





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## Southern Rhodesia 1938



**SOUTHERN RHODESIA 1/2 CROWN 1938:** 14.14g .925 silver .4205 ASW  
Ruler George VI obv Crowned head left, designer Percy Metcalfe. rev. designer G E Kruger-Gray, mintage 400,000  
Southern Rhodesia was under British rule until 1966. Monetary system: 12 Pence = 1 Shilling, 2 Shillings = 1 Florin, 2-1/2 Shillings = 1/2 Crown, 5 Shillings = 1 Crown, 20 Shillings = 1 Pound.

Southern Rhodesia was the name of the British colony situated north of the Limpopo River and the Union of South Africa. From its independence in 1965 until its extinction in 1980, it was known as Rhodesia. Since 1980 and the institution of a majority African government, the area has been re-named Zimbabwe and all traces of former British, Rhodesian, and white rule, laws, property, and nomenclature have been removed as part of President Robert Mugabe's policy of Africanization.

From 1896, private banks issued notes denominated in pounds equal to the British pound. In 1932, a distinct coinage was introduced. In 1938, the Southern Rhodesia Currency Board was established and took over the issuance of paper money the following year. Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland joined in 1953 to form the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, which continued to use the Southern Rhodesian pound until 1955 when coins were introduced for the Rhodesia and Nyasaland pound. 1955 also saw the Southern Rhodesia Currency Board re-named the Central Africa Currency Board. In 1956, the first paper money of the Rhodesia and Nyasaland pound was introduced, completing the transition.

In 1932, .925 fineness silver coins were introduced in denominations of 3 and 6 pence, 1 and 2 shillings, and 1/2 crown (2 1/2 shillings). These were followed in 1934 by holed, cupro-nickel 1/2 and 1 penny coins. In 1942, bronze replaced cupro-nickel, whilst the silver coins were debased to .500 fineness in 1944 and replaced by cupro-nickel in 1947. Coins were issued until 1954.



**Southern Rhodesia, 1938 Issue 1950 Dated 5 Pounds Banknote:** In 1896, the Salisbury branch of the Standard Bank of South Africa introduced the first Southern Rhodesian banknotes, in denominations of 1 and 5 pounds. This bank later issued 10 shilling notes. The Bank of Africa, Barclays Bank and the National Bank of South Africa also issued notes. These private bank issues ended in 1938.

In 1939, the Southern Rhodesia Currency Board introduced 10 shilling, 1 and 5 pound notes, followed by 5 shilling notes between 1943 and 1948 and 10 pounds in 1953. In 1955, the Central Africa Currency Board issued notes in denominations of 10 shillings, 1, 5 and 10 pounds.

*[compiled from sources Charlton Catalogue, and Wikipedia]*







## Coin Shows & Conventions

- ♦ **FEB. 11, 2012, Oshawa, ON.** COIN-A-RAMA, Five Points Mall 285 Taunton Rd E. at Ritson. Show hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free dealer and membership draws. **\*\*NEW \*\*** hourly public draws. Free admission. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals & many other items. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa & District Coin Club. For more information, contact Sharon 905-728-1352 or e-mail [papman@bell.net](mailto:papman@bell.net) **NEW DATE.** Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa & District Coin Club. For information contact Sharon MacLean, telephone 905-728-1352, email [papman@bell.net](mailto:papman@bell.net).
- ♦ **FEB. 18 - 19, 2012, Toronto, ON** Torex - Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5875 Airport Rd. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$6. Under 16 free! Official Auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company. The Hilton Toronto Airport hotel is located directly across from Toronto's Pearson International Airport. For more information please call 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.
- ♦ **MARCH 17, 2012, Cambridge, ON**  
Cambridge Coin Club 21 Annual Coin Show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, buy, sell, trade and evaluate at 52 tables. Tokens, trade dollars, coins, paper money, militaria, sports cards, CTC coupons. Sponsor/Affiliate: Cambridge Coin Club. For more information contact Vince Nevidon, telephone 519-740-1416; Louie Schmidt, telephone 519-653-7838, or Wolfe Derle, email [wolfe1937@hotmail.com](mailto:wolfe1937@hotmail.com).
- ♦ **APRIL 13 - 15, 2012, Kitchener, ON**  
2012 ONA Golden Jubilee 50th Annual Coin Convention, Holiday Inn Conference Centre 30 Fairway Road S. Admission \$3, 52 table bourse. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., auction 6 p.m. Fri., military Auction Sat., educational seminars, banquet (with keynote speaker), exhibits, good as gold draws (including one troy ounce of Gold), and awards. There will be several numismatic groups and associations holding meetings which provides an opportunity to learn more about the benefits and fellowship of membership. Sponsor/Affiliate: Ontario Numismatic Association. Robb McPherson General Chairman, e-mail: [robb4640@sympatico.ca](mailto:robb4640@sympatico.ca) . Website: <http://ontario-numismatic.org>.

For more Numismatic Events, check out the Canadian Coin News Link at: <http://www.trajan.ca/showbbs/ccn.pl>



## MARCH 24, 2012, Guelph, ON “OUR ANNUAL SPRING SHOW!”

South Wellington Coin Show, NEW Colonel John McCrae Legion, 57 Watson Parkway South. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$3, under 16 years Free, Legendary Lunch Counter! Free draw for Gold Coin! More than 40 Dealer tables. One of Ontario's best advertised, best attended shows, top numismatic dealers in attendance. Coins, banknotes, tokens, medals and more. Free parking, fully accessible.

Sponsor/Affiliate: South Wellington Coin Society. For more information contact Mike Hollingshead, Box 1000, Arkell, ON, telephone 519-823-2646, email [cholling@uoguelph.ca](mailto:cholling@uoguelph.ca). Volunteers needed, please offer your services now!



## Let the Bidding Begin! Here's Auction List for March 7th, 2012

LOT	DESCRIPTION	EST. VALUE	RESERVE	YOUR BID	WINNING BID
1	Canada Mint roll Terry Fox loon's	\$50.00	\$25.00		
2	Canada Mint roll of nickels year ?	?	\$2.00		
3	Canada Mint roll of quarters 2010 double poppy	?	\$10.00		
4	Canada roll of old nickels	?	\$2.00		
5	Canada roll of old nickels	?	\$2.00		
6	Canada roll of old nickels	?	\$2.00		
7	India 1862b rupee .9170 silver	\$20.00	\$10.00		
8	Ceylon 1941 ten cents .800 silver	\$5.00	\$2.50		
9	Ceylon 1957 rupee	\$2.50	\$1.25		
10	Ceylon 1975 rupee	\$2.00	\$1.00		
11	U S A 1957b one dollar bill with star	\$10.00	\$1.50		
12	Foreign bills Cuba & China	\$10.00	\$2.00		
13	Two unc Cuban bills	\$10.00	\$2.00		
14	Canada 1939 nickel VF	\$9.00	\$1.50		
15	Three foreign bills	\$5.00	\$2.50		
16	Two foreign bills Cuba & Bolivia	\$4.00	\$2.00		
17	Britains first decimal coins	?	\$1.00		
18	Canada year set 1974	?	\$ 4.00		
19	Binder of seven pages of coins	?	\$ 15.00		
20	Canada & U S A 8 different coins	\$20.00	\$ 10.00		
21	Ship Coin	?	\$ 15.00		
22	World coins sheet of twenty	?	\$ 10.00		
23	Bank of Jamaica five shilling note	\$7.50	\$ 3.50		
24	Bank of the Netherland ten gulden note 1944	\$20.00	\$ 7.00		
25	World bank notes four different unc	?	\$ 4.00		
26	World Bank notes five different unc	?	\$ 5.00		
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For coins submissions contact Lowell Wierstra at 519-824-6534

**We NEED submissions for our APRIL Auction List!!!!**